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Men's Clothing Cooperative in Sofia

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1. In 1948 [redacted] the association increased to 30 members and opened a manufacturing workroom at No. 87 Simeon Street. [redacted] section located on Piasa Street at the intersection of Queen Klementina Boulevard. The section had the following directive personnel:
  - a. One president;
  - b. Three principal members; and
  - c. One control board comprised of three members.
2. Cooperative units of this type are subordinate to the Tsentralen Kooperativen Svyuz (Central Cooperative Association) which in turn is subordinate to the Ministry of Commerce. Subordinate to the Central Association are various types of cooperatives located throughout the country, including agricultural, foodstuffs, and clothing cooperatives.
3. Requests for clothing articles are made to the Central Cooperative Association which receives its consignments from the Ministry of Commerce. Distribution of raw materials or finished products is made by the Duzhavana Obedinena Fabrik (State Depot) which has its own stores located in the cities and provinces.
4. [redacted] section manufactured and sold handkerchiefs, women's kerchiefs, elastic suspenders, leather and elastic trouser belts, shoe laces, ties, net purses for women, volleyball nets, basketball nets, etc. Raw materials,

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semi-processed materials, and finished items were obtained as follows:

- a. Sewing machine needles, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
  - b. Elastic, imported from the USSR;
  - c. Cotton thread, from the factories at Kazanluk and Turnovo; and
  - d. Leather, from the factory in the "Industrial Quarter" of Sofia. 50X1-HUM
5. The section had five German Overlok sewing machines. [redacted]  
[redacted]
6. Prices of articles were as follows:
- a. Sewing machine needles, 80 to 90 leva before the monetary reform and 25 leva after;
  - b. Needles, five leva;
  - c. Spools of No. 70 cotton thread, 10,000 yards, 45 leva;
  - d. Suspenders, 250 leva before the monetary reform and 10 leva after;
  - e. Men's suits, from 1,200 to 2,000 leva; and
  - f. Men's shoes, 270 to 300 leva.

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7. Other sections in Sofia subordinate to the Central Cooperative Association [redacted] are as follows: 50X1-HUM
- a. Dimitur Blagoev section, manufactures men's clothing, employs approximately 3,000 member-workers;
  - b. Elkoop section, located near Leghe Street, manufactures electrical items such as lamps, irons, etc., employs approximately 3,000 member-workers;
  - c. IX September section located in various shops on Makareopolsko Street, makes leather articles (especially shoes), employs approximately 2,000 member-workers; and
  - d. Galanterie section located on Exarkh Josif Street, manufactures men's clothing accessories and shirts.
8. The Bulgaria Cotton Thread Factory of Sofia, which produces for both civilian and military use, employs approximately 1,000 workers on two 8-hour daytime shifts and one 6-hour night shift per day. The armed forces take over most of the production of the many textile factories in Gabrovo and Plovdiv. Cotton is obtained from the Plovdiv area where the plant is intensively cultivated.

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